

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 48

Buy a Chevy Volt, Get \$2,000 from the Stimulus

- When Chevrolet releases their new hybrid “Volt” later this year, 15,000 early buyers will receive a nice present from President Obama’s Stimulus Plan: \$2,000 in taxpayer money. The administration plans to give the initial Volt buyers a \$2,000 240-volt home electric charging station paid courtesy of the taxpayer-funded Stimulus. This program could end up paying for up to 15,000 home electric charging stations.
- Of note, the Volt can be charged using a standard 110-volt home wall outlet. The 240-volt stations the Obama Administration wants to give away just allows the car to be charged quicker.
- The Volt, expected to cost \$40,000 when it first comes out. No word yet if millionaires who purchase Volts will also have the taxpayers pick up the tab for their charging stations.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not be spent on unnecessary home charging stations for \$40,000 hybrid cars. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/jobs/>
- **Source:**
<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/driveon/post/2010/06/obama-stimulus-to-pay-for-15000-home-electric-car-charging-units/1>
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